

LAST MEETING FOR YEAR 1918

Village Council Meet For Last Time In 1918—Council Chamber Repairs Progressing—Gas Rate Resolution Repealed—Legislation and Discussion.

For the last time in the eventful year of 1918 the Council met last Monday night and wrestled with the current problems of the town's affairs. The council chamber is gradually assuming the appearance of a new up-to-date meeting place for city legislators; a new floor has been laid and in the south end of the room a raised platform extending across the room furnishes a place for the council table and the office furniture of the clerk; this platform will be separated from the north end of the room by a three foot partition the top of which will form a counter top and beneath this the South side shelves for holding supplies, books etc. When the room is decorated and things "set to rights" the room will be at once neat, comfortable and convenient.

Legislation regarding the assessing of property abutting on the alley West of North Fulton street from West Elm to Depot streets, to pay for the pavement of that alley was begun by the first reading of an ordinance to assess the costs by the footage of property abutting on the alley; the property on the East side of the alley to pay 70 per cent of the costs and the property on the West side to pay 30 per cent of the costs. A resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted to repeal the resolution permitting the Ohio Gas Light and Coke Company to raise the rate per thousand feet to gas consumers to \$1.50 as an emergency measure. The reasons given being that the company have failed to keep their promise as to improvement of service and that the war time conditions which called for the temporary raise in the rate had ceased to exist.

The claim ordinance was passed and the Mayor wishing the councilmen a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, adjourned the council to meet Monday January 6th 1919.

EARN HIS COMMISSION TWICE

Special correspondent to Tribune: Camp Sherman, Ohio, Dec. 17th. Among the many men discharged from the army here, today, was Samuel Thompson, a local boy, a man elect Thompson, of Defiance. This soldier has shown in a remarkable way his ability to "come back" for a young man he has a unique military record. He saw service in 1916 on the Mexican border with the 6th Ohio Infantry; in 1917 was commissioned a Lieutenant of Infantry at Ft. Benjamin Harrison; in May 1918, by alleged illicit intrigue was given a raw deal in the form of an "honorable discharge" and retired on civil life. He was drafted the ensuing July, rose rapidly from private passing through the grades of Corporal and Sergeant, and the 27th of October his name was sent to the War Department at Washington for immediate commission as a Lieutenant of Infantry. He has earned his second commission having been unanimously recommended by a board of United States Regular Army officers, legally convened to examine for commissions 125 picked men of this camp. Only 12 out of the 125 passed, and Thompson's name was at the head of the list.

COURT ITEMS

The case of Frank C. Knapp vs. Albert Stillwell brought up by Justice of Peace Court to Common Pleas Court was submitted to Judge Wolf last Friday afternoon both parties having waived trial by jury. The suit was for money only and pertained to the purchase price of certain threshing machinery which the defendant was alleged to have purchased from the plaintiff. Judge Wolf heard the case and rendered his decision; finding for the plaintiff in the sum of \$145.00 and awarding a judgment against the defendant for that amount.

The petit jury were convened Thursday of this week to hear and try the case of the State of Ohio vs. Schroeder, statutory charge.

January term 1919 of Common Pleas court will begin Monday January 6th.

LOSURE POST G. A. R.

Losure Post No. 35 G. A. R. of Wauseon, chose the following named officers for the Post for the ensuing year 1919: Commander, George D. Newcomer; S. V. C., E. J. Williams; J. V. C., Dan Miller; Chaplain, Isaac M. Conkey; O. G., Thos. Miller; Q. M., Wm. Sherrill; O. G., Jacob Richards; Surgeon, Alonzo Marks; Patriotic Instructor, A. Hodgeboom; Trustee for 3 years, Delos Palmer; Delegate to Encampment, Encampment, Allen Shadle and Leander Buxton; Alternates, L. McConkey and Alonzo Marks.

Associate members to the G. A. R. elected the following named officers for the year 1919: Commander, J. C. Rorick; S. V. C., Frank Reichard; J. V. C., Dr. Betts; Q. M., Lloyd Edgar; Adj. David Johnson; Chaplain, G. B. Wiltsie.

NEARLY LOSES HIS HAND

A. L. Stien had the misfortune to have his hand badly injured by coming in contact with a buzz saw Tuesday forenoon at his home in Chesterfield. He and his wife were cutting stove wood when the back of one of Mr. Stie's hands came in contact with the saw in some accidental manner. The saw struck the knuckles of his hand entirely severing the bone of one finger.

Dr. Kester of Wauseon was called and dressed the wound.

SENSATIONAL WILD ANIMAL HUNT

One of the striking features of Lyman H. Howe's newest Travel Festival program, which comes to the Princess Theatre on Friday December 27th is a sensational wild animal hunt in the Rockies in which a famous Montana hunter, who has strayed how he captured ferocious wild animals alive with a lasso.

Miss Gano with Wade Correll will see her customers by appointment only. Residence 232 Birch street. Phone White 392. 37-1-p

See Marguerite Clark in the Amazon, the night before Christmas.

KILLED BY FAST TRAIN

Robert Brackett, 26, driver for the Rex Baking Company of Toledo who for some time past has been driving to Wauseon daily with the Rex delivery truck was struck by a passenger train at the N. Y. C. Ry. crossing of Holland Road last Friday morning and died as a result of injuries received. The crossing where Brackett met his death is known as a "blind" crossing and has been the scene of several accidents. Unaware of the approach of the train, Brackett drove his motor truck on the tracks; the locomotive struck the truck in the middle, carrying it on the plot of the engine more than a mile before the engine could be brought to a stop. Brackett was taken from the debris and taken in Clegh's ambulance to the St. Vincent's hospital, but died as he was being taken to the operating room.

FULTON CO. FARM BUREAU

The annual meeting of the Fulton county Farm Bureau will be held in the court house at Wauseon at 1:30 p. m. on Friday, December 21st. At that meeting there will be reports from the secretary-treasurer from the County Agricultural Agent and other business will be discussed. The election of officers for the ensuing year will also take place at that time.

All members of the Farm Bureau and all persons interested in agriculture are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

GOES TO PAULDING

Otis Griffin has accepted a position as assistant to the surveyor of Paulding County and left on Monday last for Paulding to assume his duties. Mr. Griffin has been connected with the Surveyor's office of Fulton County as Surveyor and engineer for the past sixteen years.

There is probably no man in the county better qualified by technical training, mathematical ability and actual practical experience for the work of county surveyor and engineer than Mr. Griffin.

MILK MONEY

Wauseon Condensery Pays Its Patrons \$114,174.86 for Milk Delivered—John Steffins Draws the Big Check for \$476,030 on the December Pay Roll—Checks for \$50, or More

George Weber	124.83
Anna Miller	64.27
Henry Wise	145.10
Samuel Thompson	62.67
Frank Rupp	62.67
John Rupp	62.67
R. Nagel	62.67
Wm. Nagel	62.67
John Rupp	62.67
Wm. Deker	62.67
Alfred Rupp	101.80
Charles Short	62.67
B. H. Shubler	62.67
Sam. Wynn	224.52
Simon Leupp	97.24
Joseph Leupp	100.13
Adam Rupp	122.89
L. P. Rupp	62.67
Geo. H. Rupp	62.67
Wm. Sander	95.92
W. Brisch	62.67
H. Beck	92.71
J. H. Beck	92.71
Adam Schrank	95.94
J. E. Neary	95.94
Wm. Schrank	95.94
Emil Gushman	62.67
John Schrank	143.63
A. Rufenacht	103.29
Arthur Schumaker	62.67
H. C. Schumaker	62.67
H. C. Aschlinman	62.67
Howard Taylor	74.29
J. Greiner	147.94
John Schrank	62.67
Joseph Goldsmith	104.14
E. J. Miller	95.94
C. J. Miller	95.94
Elmer Fenschel	62.67
Wm. Fenschel	62.67
Wm. Fenschel	118.11
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D. Griffin and Son	71.72
Daniel Rupp	95.94
H. Short	127.86
Wm. Rupp	95.94
Albe Wynn	118.14
Wm. Rupp	95.94
L. F. Steensen	99.72
Harmen Rupp	95.94
Wm. Rupp	95.94
H. Miller	75.66
Wm. Rupp	95.94
Wm. Rupp	95.94
A. Beck	95.94
Wm. Rupp	95.94
Wm. Rupp	95.94
E. Ruffer	92.20
Lehman	95.94
Paul Sherrill	84.72
Bern. Frey	87.60
Wm. Rupp	95.94
A. C. Burkholder	161.26
N. C. Burkholder	116.16
A. Aschlinman	62.67
W. H. Stier	86.80
Wm. Rupp	95.94
Truman Lee	111.11
C. E. Rice	62.67
Wm. Hoffman	112.16
John Roman	88.33
Ed. Volmer	87.40
John Steffins	476.03
H. C. Wagner	135.78
H. A. Miller	87.47
Wm. Gerkin	75.94
A. C. Burkholder	85.89

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AN A. E. F. SOLDIERS PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,  
Grant no soldier sleeps to wake,  
My shoes or socks before I wake.  
Watch o'er and guard my slumber,  
Keep my bunk and number;  
May no pole or guy rope break  
And smother me before I wake.  
Protect me in my dreams,  
Make it butter, cheese and cream,  
Let me dream of chocolate cake,  
Forgetting not the sizzling steak.  
Grant that time may fly on wheels  
Till I get some decent meals,  
And that snowy feather bed  
Far away from soldiers' sins.  
And those greasy half baked BEANS  
Take me back in my dream tonight,  
And even more I'll be right.  
Take me back to that land so true  
Where they don't hike in mud all  
over your shoes.  
Where the rain storms cease and no  
cold wind blows from the north.  
Where the laundry wash and don't  
spoil your clothes.  
Oh, General Pershing, do take us  
home,  
I'll promise the world no more to  
rattle,  
No more to leave DEAR OLD Wau-  
seon,  
Though WAR may rage on every  
side.  
I'll never swear and I'll never drink,  
Or at fair ladies cast a wink.  
But I'll settle down with an Ohio  
girl.  
To live contented all my life,  
Lor'dy grant us this earnest prayer,  
Just take me back to Wauseon.  
Paul J. Hayes, Pvt. 1st Class  
32nd Medical Corps  
A. P. O. 762, A. E. F.  
A good clean place to eat.  
32-4-fc WILLIAM'S CAFETERIA  
Special program Christmas nite at the Princess.

A GREAT ADDRESS

Rev. Allen A. Stockdale D. D. Thrills  
Wauseon Audience at Court House  
Friday Evening—Tells About The Making and Actions of American Soldiers.

Notwithstanding the storm and the danger of "flu" contagion a fairly good audience gathered at the court house last Friday evening to hear Dr. A. A. Stockdale of the First Congregational church of Toledo, and those who were there testified that they wouldn't have missed it as he was; while many who were not there, since they have heard from the motte later in France and Belgium, they were regret very much that they did not brave the inclemency of the weather and go.

Dr. Stockdale spent several months touring the cantonments and training camps of this country as a Y. M. C. A. worker, he not only carried a wonderful spirit of enthusiasm to the men in training as soldiers, but he became thoroughly conversant with the temper and spirit of the men who demonstrated their mettle later in France and Belgium. Later Dr. Stockdale served as a Red Cross Captain in the American hospitals in France and among the boys at the front and he has the faculty of telling what he has seen and the experiences through which he has passed in such a manner that his auditors not only hear, but see and live with him through the events of which he tells.

Dr. Stockdale's address was thrilling from start to finish and his description of a Sunday evening meeting in the court of a large base hospital in France gave those who heard a vision which will remain with them as long as they live. His tribute to the bravery, idealistic courage and endurance and moral standards of the American soldiers; their unconsciousness of their heroism and their marvelous unselfishness made every one's heart throb with pride in the wonderful tributes to the English and French armies and navies with the highest tribute of all to the superb generalship of Foch and the largeness of character of our own Pershing made all ready to accept the world brotherhood which he predicts and advocates and makes them realize the truth of his statement that real democracy is simply practical Christianity applied in the political and social relations of men with each other.

Dr. Stockdale held his audience at closest attention from start to finish and last Friday evening he was contented to have remained for hours longer to listen to him had he continued.

See William Hart Princess Friday and Saturday.

THE 1918 CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Before the next issue of the Tribune reaches its readers, the great festival day that celebrates the advent into the world of the spirit of Peace and Good Will among men will have come and gone: We want to extend to all our hearty and sincere Christmas greetings and our best wishes for the happiness and peace of mind for all. We wish that the Presence of the Christ Life with its hope and faith and love may be in every home.

Our hearts go out to those who are lonely this Christmas because of the vacant places in the family circle; for some it is the anxiety of waiting the return of absent ones; for others it is the consciousness that there will be no return; only the star of gold that has replaced the star of blue. May the comfort which comes from Him who came among men to assure them of the eternity of life and give them the faith and joy which is His gift.

It is a wonderful Christmas! There is much to be glad for and rejoice over.

The world has learned that true Democracy is practical Christianity applied to the governmental, industrial, commercial and social affairs of men and to our American men and women has been given the glorious task of teaching the world that great truth.

Our Nation has been tested and we may rejoice that it has not been found wanting. Our soldiers have shown themselves heroes in the battle which was ultimately for world-wide human freedom. Our men at home, rich and poor alike, have given themselves and their means to maintain that same high cause and our women and children have worked and sacrificed in a manner without parallel in the history of the race to support our men and to minister to the suffering and oppressed, with the same noble purpose.

We have reason to rejoice that this great common purpose has brought us closer together and unified us as a people and a nation; we have learned to work together and suffer together. We have come to know the real meaning of "The Brotherhood of man." The American Christmas Spirit of 1918 can find no better, clearer expression in words than this memorable saying of that great American, Abraham Lincoln:

With malice towards none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace.

In this spirit, we extend to all our readers, correspondents, advertisers and friends our Christmas greetings and wish you all a Glad Christmas Day.

READING AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Do you read the:  
Literary Digest, Independent, Century, Sunset, Scribner's, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Home Companion, North American Review, American City, Harpers, Outlook, Scientific American, Red Cross Magazine, Trained Nurse?

These magazines and others are on the reading table at the Wauseon Public Library. Come in and read them.

For children: St. Nicholas, Popula Mechanics, American Boy and Youth's Companion.

BRITAIN'S JOB

In his address to Congress the President pointed with pride and properly so, to the fact that we had transported over 2,000,000 men to France, with but a negligible proportion of loss. He neglected to state that two-thirds of the men were carried in British ships and that one-half of the conveying flotillas were British vessels.

\$8000. VERDICT

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the Kurth vs. New York Central Railroad Company case, last Friday awarding the plaintiff \$8,000. Frederick Kurth brought suit for \$20,000 damages for personal injuries sustained as a result of being struck by a locomotive while working on the tracks east of Delta May 1918.

See William Hart Princess Friday and Saturday.

See Our Xmas Handkerchiefs

THIS STORE is amply prepared to take care of the Eleventh Minute, of the Eleventh Hour, of the last Xmas Shopping Days following the Eleventh Month, Christmas Shoppers, with Christmas Stocks naturally useful, and therefore bound to bring the most Good Cheer.

It is a common expression every year about this time to hear such remarks, "well I am not going to buy much for Christmas this year," but as the last days approach everybody seems to keep up with SPIRIT OF GIVING and "OVER THE TOP" they go in that characteristic "YANKEE STYLE," which means with SPEE, SPIZERINKTUM and PEP.

Fine Furs

Practice real economy by choosing this Gift Supreme from our large well selected and comprehensive stocks. FURS for CHRISTMAS are in high favor. FURS selected at The Spencer-Edgar-Vollmer Co., carry with them individual style and Real Quality.

Very Special low prices on High Class Furs

Attractive Holiday Georgette Blouses

Holiday Models  
A most charming line of new silk Blouses just secured for the Xmas Season, offers very appropriate Gift Suggestions.

Prices \$4.50 to \$7.00

Handkerchief Values

Those who visit our store will find it easy to choose their Xmas kerchiefs very readily from a most complete line.

Prices 5, 7, 10, 15, 18, 25, 35, 50 and 65 cents

Xmas Sweater Suggestions for Ladies, Misses and Children

Of particular interest at this season of the year are sweaters, which afford warmth for all and therefore make excellent Xmas selections. Our prices

Infants, 65c and \$1.00 Children \$2.00 to \$3.50 Misses and Ladies \$3.50 to \$11.00

Filet or Marquisette Curtains

Desirable Xmas Gifts this mention offers, very specially priced for this occasion.

\$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$6.00

FROM BREST

Sailor Describes Conditions in Great French Seaport—American Soldiers and Sailors Predominate—Hungry Children and Civilians. Y. M. C. A. Attractions.

The following letter received by Mrs. Minnie Estep from her son, Howard Whitmer, of the U. S. Naval Forces in Europe is of interest on account of the fact that the writer feels free to give his personal observations and impressions of the people and conditions in the French seaport of Brest.

I have been in England and am now at Brest, France attached to the U. S. S. Carolina as the heading shows. This seaport city is more like an army of soldiers and sailors. Still on the other hand there are a great many French people and the city is at that once strikes you as being far different from our cities. Everything seemed strange to me and I attributed it to the fact of the "behind the times" argument. However, one must at all times remember that the French people have endured with a will and held on with a tenacity never before known and their country as they themselves are not as before, for they have gone through a four year Hell, that one absolutely cannot describe nor at times comprehend at all.

I often go to the Y. M. C. A. and buy a little chocolate for myself and not thinking toward the Chateau, eating a little French girl or boy notices right away and pleads in such a seemingly pitiful way that I just cannot refuse. The "Y" also has a restaurant where the enlisted man in the U. S. service both Navy and Army, can eat. The bread and things to eat are piled high; the people of the city passing would stand looking in as it is dark early and the lights are lit. It made me feel strange and I wondered what some people like ourselves and others as well of the states would feel if we had to really go hungry, not because of any form of fasting but on account of poverty.

The American sailors and soldiers have "bo cu France" or plenty of money, and he spends it as a rule. This is helping this place. I have heard it remarked that when the sailors

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COUNTY AFFAIRS FOR THE WEEK

Cases in the Probate Court—Marriage Licenses—Real Estate Transfers—Orders Drawn on Treasury—New Cases in Common Pleas Court.

Real Estate Transfers  
James Fisher to J. F. Karber 28 acres Sec. 3, Royaltown Township \$1,000.  
Amos Seidner to Samuel Shum, 6 acres, Pettisville \$1,000.  
Wauseon Realty Co. to Reese Campbell, lots 2, 3, 4, 6, Skeels addition, Wauseon \$1,000.  
Melissa Linsley to Harry Leatherman, 40 acres Sec. 10 Swan Creek Township \$1,000.  
Chas. Sidel to Rob and Harriet Dahn, 40 acres Sec. 10 Swan Creek Township, \$1,000.  
Chester McDonald to Frank and Amelia Fuller, 100 acres Sec. 11, Swan Creek Township, \$1,000.

Probate Court  
Estate of Mary E. Wales, application for letters of administration filed by her son, Mr. G. W. Wales, and approved and letters issued to Henry C. Wales, inventory and appraisement dispensed with.  
Estate of George A. Crawford, final account confirmed executor ordered to distribute.  
Estate of Oscar L. Wales, final partial account confirmed to Jan. 6, 1919.  
Estate of Darius Highley, final account confirmed, administrator discharged.  
Will of J. Crawford Blair, application for probate filed, set for December 12th, at 1:00 p. m.  
Estate of George A. Crawford, final distributive account filed and confirmed and executor discharged.  
Will of Mary A. Wales, application for probate filed, hearing set, Dec. 13-1918 at 2:00 p. m. Notice to next of kin issued.  
Estate of Chas. Warren Welch, probate application and notice of appointment filed.  
Estate of Robert Boyce, proof of publication and notice of appointment filed.  
Will of Albert R. Stranahan, application for probate filed, notice to widow and next of kin issued. Hearing December 18, 1918 at 2:00 p. m.  
Will of Roy G. Graham, testimony of witnesses taken and will admitted to probate and record.  
Will of Crawford J. Blair, testimony of witnesses taken and will admitted to probate and record.  
Estate of Chas. A. Porter, inventory and appraisement filed.  
Will of Roy G. Graham, testimony of witnesses taken and will admitted to probate and record.  
Hearing December 17, 1918, at 2:00 p. m.

CHANGING OWNERS

Messrs. J. A. Huffman and Frank R. Guilford have exchanged residence properties. Mr. Huffman will own and occupy the Guilford home on South Fulton Street and Mr. Guilford takes the Huffman home on East Oak Street.

Mrs. Fred Funkhouser and her mother, Mrs. Croese have purchased the W. M. Gelzer property on South Fulton Street and will take possession on or before April 1st, 1919.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF

H. H. WILLIAMS Sr.  
Funeral services for our former townsman, Henry Holmes Williams, were held in Windermere Florida, Saturday forenoon, Dec. 10th, and the casket was placed in a vault in Orlando where it will remain until Spring when it will be brought to Wauseon for interment.

ANNUAL MEETING

Fulton County Agricultural Society  
Hold Annual Meeting Saturday December 14th—Officers Elected—Financial Reports.

The Fulton County Agricultural Society held its annual business meeting in the court house at Wauseon last Saturday afternoon. Officers elected for the ensuing year were the same as those of last year, viz: T. H. Fraker, President; S. W. Snipe, Vice President; C. A. Knapp, Treasurer; C. F. Orth, secretary. One new director, W. H. Standish, from Royaltown was elected and the following reports submitted and accepted:

REPORT OF SECRETARY DEC. 1918

Cash on hand January 1st 1918	\$1007.96
Cash entry fees	46.05
Speed entry fees	255.00
Privilege	985.50
Land rent	215.82
Ground rent	156.00
Hay sold	117.94
Memberships	24.50
Tax levy	902.68
State (per capita)	478.28
Donations	30.42
Loans	300.00
Red Cross tickets sold	258.76
Total	3638.81
Cancelled ck. No. 578	2.24
Donation	.51
Total	2.75
Tickets sold by treasurer	3096.00
Total	7146.62

REPORT OF TREASURER DEC. 1918

Received from Secretary	\$3638.81
From Secy. cancelled	2.24
Check No. 578	2.24
Donation	.51
Total	2.75
Cash on hand	94.50

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE 1918

Cash on hand January 1, 1918	1007.96
Cash collected	6705.81
Ck. No. 578 cancelled	2.24
Donation	.51
Total	7783.77

Expenditures

Salary Sec. and Treas.	\$300.00
Expense members	215.82
Office help	62.50
Advertising	215.82
Printing stationery etc.	316.43
Judges	128.97
Poll	40.50
Special Att and Music	392.28
Libr.	42.00
Repairs and replacements	215.82
Interest on loans	221.10
Hay and straw	215.82
Miscellaneous	358.74
Payment on loan	900.00
Total	4172.31
Speed premiums	1270.32
Class premiums	1857.40
Total	7146.62
Balance	30.42
Outstanding orders	62.50
Cash on hand	94.50

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Expenditures

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Fabricant gloves in w  
pair. All Wool Knit'glov

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Merry, Merry Chris